

love and obedience. If she falls in love with the world, and her affections become divided, he will reject her. "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." "Ye adulteress and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" (James 4:4) The church of Christ must, therefore be loyal to the bridegroom. She will not trifle with the spirit of worldly religion and contaminate herself.

Our Young People

HELPING OUR PASTOR—Ex. 17: 1-13

Topic for September 3

What pastor has not preached from this passage? or at least used the incident as an illustration of the help people should give to their leader? Every pastor will be glad for the topic and should be called upon to give a talk upon it from his own experience. Some pastors are not pastors but false shepherds living off of the flock, but the true pastor if he should tell his inner experiences would speak as Paul of days of fasting of nights of prayer, of weeping often and longing constantly for the welfare of his people. One brother said after a day of visiting. It is not the walking that makes me tired so much as the coldness and indifference and worldliness that I find.

A pastor in Chicago, who was one of the most consecrated men in the city, died about a year ago because of the constant carping of his gossip members. They made themselves stumbling blocks to the world and they killed the pastor by making his burden too heavy through their criticism and gossip. Many a pastor goes before his congregation careworn and powerless because of the lack of co-operation on the part of his members. Some people imagine that a pastor has an easy time living on yellow-legged chicken during the week and only speaking an hour or two on Sunday. If they could be in his place a single week they would resolve to keep quiet and pay more and be present faithfully and do their part in every way. A faithful pastor will have more calls to make than a doctor, more causes to plead than a lawyer, more problems to solve than a statesman, more letters to write than a business man, more questions to study than a scholar and all this put together spells work, work, work.

Congregations often expect a pastor to hold big revival meetings when it is all the poor pastor can do to look after his members and keep them in shape to have the respect of the world.

But, "the black sheep" among pastors and congregations are, I think, the exception and not the rule. It is better perhaps to think of the good, whole-hearted, broad-backed pillars of the church, who are the joy of the pastor's life.

Every church has a few of them and every pastor thanks God for them for they make it possible for the work to go on. They are the examples for others to follow. They know of a thousand ways by which to hold up a pastor's hands and if the pastor thinks of other ways they are ready to carry them out. Below are given some suggestions from the scriptures as to ways of helping the pastor.

- 1 By prayer, II Thes. 3:1-5.
- 2 Right living, Phil. 2:1-3; I Thes. 4:11, 12.
- 3 Reverence, I Thes. 5:12; Matt. 18:17.
- 4 Brotherly Love, Ps. 133:1.
- 5 Patriotism for the church, Ps. 137:5.
- 6 Sympathy, Phil. 4:10.
- 7 With-holding criticism, I Tim. 5:19.
- 8 Work, I Cor. 12:4-11; John 9:4; Mark 13:34.
- 9 Faithful attendance, Heb. 10:25; Ps. 84:4.
- 10 Proper decorum, Eccl. 5:1.
- 11 Proper support, I Cor. 16:2; I Cor. 9:14.
- 12 Bearing one another's burdens, Gal. 6:1; Jas. 1:27.
- 13 Cheer up, Gal. 6:9; Ps. 100:4.

TOPICS FOR TALKS.

- 1 What are some causes of grief to a pastor.

- 2 What causes joy to a pastor, Phil. 2:1-3; I Thes. 2:19.
- 3 In what ways does a pastor need help?
- 4 Has the pastor a right to expect help from all the members? Why?
- 5 If the pastor is lazy or indifferent how can we help him?
- 6 What is the purpose of officers in a church? Eph. 4:11-16.
- 7 How can children help the pastor?
- 8 How can our society help the pastor?

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The Mission Field

Chicago Mission

One of the pleasant things which we have just enjoyed was our visit to Brother Ditch's congregation at the occasion of their harvest home meeting which occurred on the 13th inst. It was a plain Gospel feast, in a nice grove. After morning service, that is, Sunday school and preaching, the baskets were brought forward, and a sumptuous repast was served, which all enjoyed. There was no ice cream stand, nor was anything sold on the ground. All was free. In the evening services were held at the church. Good congregations all day, and apparently all enjoyed themselves, and were happy in the Lord. I would like to have spent more time with them, but work at home called us here. Brother Ditch is a good pastor, and he and his flock are interested in missions. They remembered us with a collection of ten dollars for the mission, beside my expenses in going and coming.

The hot days will soon be in the past, and we are looking forward to the time when more active work can be successfully carried on in the city. During all the hot weather our regular services were kept up, and that not without profit. The folks that have been spending some time in the country are nearly all home again, and we are glad to see them. In this work we can never tell where the work is taking root. Our little tract, "The Conclusion of the Whole Matter," is sowing good seed. A lady who has for many years been religious and trying to follow the Lord, has come to question the baptism of her infancy thru reading the tract, and is inquiring more about the wonderful Gospel of Jesus and his ordinances. Soon we hope to see substantial results from that source. We have some new Sunday school children and also juniors recently. All is peace.

Now that our conference is almost here, let us pray for the blessing of the Lord on the work we meet there to do, that all may be of the practical sort, and redound to the glory of God. The one thing that is cause for joy, is that the idea of holding Bible Conferences is growing among our churches. May the Lord bless them. In these meetings are opportunities to teach the people truths not afforded elsewhere. It is wonderful how when we start into a week's study of the Word that it ends in an active effort toward missions. Even tho the matter of missions may not be mentioned. It seems that when we honestly apply ourselves to the Word a

missionary effort is sure to follow. Well, that is the whole purpose of the whole book. It occurs to me more and more as I study conditions that any business that does not look to the salvation of mankind can not be called legitimate. O, may the Lord have mercy on those whose business is to destroy their fellow men. Our city is full of them. Pray for us, brethren, and the missionary work everywhere. J. O. TALLEY.

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P. S. Brethren, this is a time of the year when we will need some money to enable us to attend the conferences. Do not let the excessive harvests take our thoughts from the work of the Lord.

Washington City Echoes

Our pastor still being absent from the city, and being engaged in the Master's work at other places, which is a result of the work of the mission here, I will endeavor to make a few notes to fill our space in the EVANGELIST. While our pastor's absence necessarily retards the work here to some extent, yet we rejoice in being able to keep up all our services, and hope that the temporary change of the field of work for our pastor may at the same time do him much physical and spiritual good, and that he may return to us in renewed strength, to prosecute the work here more vigorously. We are gratified to know that his labor of love is being crowned with precious souls for the Master. May the Lord bless the work abundantly.

On last Sunday our pulpit was filled most acceptably by Brother Allen, a young Methodist minister of this city. Altho of another persuasion, yet both he and we realized that we are all one in Christ. The young brother said that he did not know that he ever met with any other people with whom he felt such gospel liberty, so much so, that he changed the subject of his discourse after reaching our place of worship, and talked to us extemporaneously, after reading II Cor. 3: basing his remarks on the third verse of the chapter. We felt that we were blessed in having this young brother talk to us, and hope that it may not be the last time that it may be our pleasure.

We also enjoyed another very great pleasure last week, in having brother "Joe" Parsons and his wife, of Johnstown, Pa., with us. Brother Parsons expects to secure a position here soon, and we pray for his success, knowing that their locating here, will be a great help to the work. Brother "Joe" has a plan to secure our much needed church building, and altho we do not as yet know his plan, we are encouraged, for we know that when he puts his shoulder to the wheel, it must move. In this connection we wish to state that never before have we felt more encouraged in our hope to secure that church building. We have had full faith from the first that it would come, and we shall never cease our efforts until we realize our hope. Now, we want the co-operation of every one who will give us help, whether